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MOSCOW PNE TWENTY TWO

REF: STATE PNE MESSAGE EIGHT

1. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ASKED OF FLEMING BY MYASNIKOV WERE AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: NYASNIKOV: THANK YOU FOR THE VERY INTERESTING TALK ABOUT YOUR PROGRAM BUT YOU ARE PLANNING PNES IN NON-COMMERCIAL GAS AND OIL SHALE DEPOSITS. HAVE YOU STUDIED THE POSSIBILITY OF USING PNES IN EXISTING COMMERCIAL OIL AND GAS FIELDS AND DO YOU HAVE ANY RESULTS?

FLEMING: NO, WE HAVE NO PLANS FOR SUCH APPLICATIONS.

MYASNIKOV: WHAT IS THE STATE OF YOUR PLOWSHARE GEO-THERMAL PROGRAM? WILL YOU DEVELOP IT? IS IT IN YOUR PROGRAM?

FLEMING: IT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BUT WE BELIEVE NOW THAT THERE ARE MORE ECONOMICAL WAYS, AT LEAST IN CERTAIN FOR-MATIONS, THAN USING PNES.

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MYASNIKOV: WHAT IS THE STATE OF YOUR PANAMA CANAL PROJECT?

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IS IT OBSOLETE? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

FLEMING: THE PANAMA CANAL REPORT SAID THAT INSUFFICIENT EXCAVATION EXPERIMENTS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT TO ENABLE US TO RELY ON THE NUCLEAR METHOD FOR THAT PROJECT. REPORT WENT ON TO SAY THE US SHOULD CONTINUE EXPERIMENTAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK BUT WE HAVE NOT. THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IS THE SAME AS IN 1969. IF WITHIN SAY THE NEXT TEN YEARS THE CANAL WERE TO BE DUG, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE CONVENTIONALLY.

MYASNIKOV: WHAT WAS THE MINIMUM DIAMETER OF CASING PIPE IN YOUR GAS STIMULATION OR OIL SHALE EXPERIMENT?

FLEMING: THE NOMINAL DIAMETER WAS 9 5/8THS INCHES. THE OUTHER CASING OF THE EXPLOSIVE WAS UNDER 8 INCHES.

END QUOTE.

2. WITH REGARDS TO PARAGRAPH TWO OF REFERENCE MESSAGE, YOU ARE CORRECT IN THAT REFERENCE TO MOSCOW 15147 SHOULD BE TO MOSCOW 15157. A SUMMARY OF MOSCOW PNE MESSAGES FOLLOWS:

MOSCOW PNE NUMBER	MOSCOW NUMBER	DAY/TIME GRP
ONE	15144	071651Z OCT 74
TWO	15145	071709Z OCT 74
THREE	15157	080830Z OCT 74
FOUR	15259	091432Z OCT 74
FIVE	15262	091440Z OCT 74
SIX	15272	091512Z OCT 74
SEVEN	15275	091548Z OCT 74
EIGHT	15349	101340Z OCT 74
NINE	15373	102139Z OCT 74

(STOESSEL/BUCHHEIM - MOROKHOV/TIMERBAEV CONVERSATION, OCT 10)

TEN	15433	111438Z OCT 74
ELEVEN	15437	111523Z OCT 74

(SUMMARY OF OCT 11 PLENARY)
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TWELVE	15494	121503Z OCT 74

(SUMMARY OF INGLEY/WILSON - KOCHETKOV CONVERSATION, OCT 11)

THIRTEEN	15496	121640Z OCT 74
FOURTEEN	15497	121640Z OCT 74

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(REVIEW OF FIRST WEEK'S MEETINGS)

FIFTEEN 15517 141635Z OCT 74

(SUMMARY OF OCT 14 PLENARY)

SIXTEEN 15555 151256Z OCT 74
SEVENTEEN 15579 151617Z OCT 74
EIGHTEEN 15580 151743Z OCT 74

(VERBATIM FLEMING PRESENTATION, OCT 15)

NINETEEN 15581 151732Z OCT 74
TWENTY 15582 151744Z OCT 74
(SUMMARY OF OCT 15 PLENARY)

TWENTY-ONE 15631 161200Z OCT 74

(MYASNIKOV PRESENTATION, OCT 14)

3. FULL TEXT OF PARAGRAPH ONE OF MOSCOW 15517 (PNE NUMBER FIFTEEN) SHOULD BE:

QUOTE: 1. MEETING BEGAN AT 4:15 P.M. STOESSEL BEGAN BY NOTING THAT SINCE WE BEGAN OUR DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF KEY ISSUES AND, BEFORE WE START OUR WORK THIS WEEK, HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO REVIEW BRIEFLY SOME OF THESE POINTS. STOESSEL THEN REITERATED OUR CRITERIA AND CONCERNS AND INTRODUCED ROMNEY TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE SEISMIC ISSUES THAT ARE INVOLVED IN VERIFICATION OF PNES. STOESSEL NOTED THAT ROMNEY'S REMARKS WOULD BE CONFINED TO DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN SEISMIC DETERMINATION OF YIELD OF PNES OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF SPECIFIED WEAPONS
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TEST SITES. END QUOTE.
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